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| TRANSMITTAL LETTER                                                                                                                                         |                              |                            | Case No. 10783/5       |
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| Serial No.<br>09/894,235                                                                                                                                   | Filing Date<br>June 27, 2001 | Examiner<br>To Be Assigned | Group Art Unit<br>2171 |
| Inventors<br>ASAMI SHIKIDA, YOICHI OHASHI                                                                                                                  |                              |                            |                        |
| Title of Invention<br>METHOD OF PROVIDING FRESH FISH DISTRIBUTION SUPPORT INFORMATION AND DEVICE FOR PROVIDING FRESH FISH DISTRIBUTION SUPPORT INFORMATION |                              |                            |                        |

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Transmitted herewith is Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form-1449; (4) cited prior arts (A1-A4); a return postcard.

- ☒ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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For: METHOD OF PROVIDING FRESH  
FISH DISTRIBUTION SUPPORT  
INFORMATION AND DEVICE FOR  
PROVIDING FRESH FISH  
DISTRIBUTION SUPPORT  
INFORMATION

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit No.: 2171

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-captioned case the following information and references that may be relevant to the examination of the above-captioned patent application.

**U.S. PATENT**

| <u>PATENT NO.</u> | <u>ISSUE DATE</u> | <u>INVENTOR</u> |
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| 5,541,394         | 07/30/1996        | Kouchi et al.   |

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

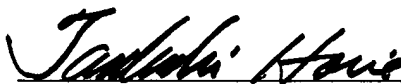
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| (1) JP,10-302105, A | 11/13/1998  | Japan          |
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| (3) JP, 6-211323, A | 08/02/1991  | Japan          |

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The above foreign patent documents were cited to a counterpart Japanese application. The above documents are all in Japanese. Applicants are submitting an English summary for each of above documents (1) and (2). U.S. Patent No. 5,541,394 is a counterpart U.S. patent of above document (3).

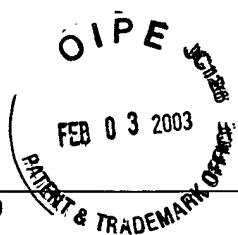
Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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| (use several sheets if necessary)                                                       |                              | APPLICANTS: ASAMI SHIKIDA, YOICHI OHASHI           |

## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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|                     | A1 | 5,541,394                                                        | 07/30/1996 | Kouchi et al. |                    | 05/22/1995     |
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|                     | A2 | JP 6-166408 A                                                    | 06/14/1994 | Japan   |                    | NO                       |
|                     | A3 | JP 6-211323 A                                                    | 08/02/1991 | Japan   |                    | YES                      |
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